

RECORD OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN SERGEANT A.J. CAROLAN AND DONALD BRUCE HENDERSON
 CIB OFFICE, POLICE STATION, DARWIN, 11/9/75.
 QUESTIONS BY CAROLAN. ANSWERS BY HENDERSON.
 PRESENT ALSO CONSTABLE T.A. SAXBY.

TIME COMMENCED: 9.18am.

Q.1. What is your full name.

A. Donald Bruce HENDERSON.

Q.2. I am going to ask you some questions regarding an indecent assault allegedly committed on AJS [redacted] at Batchelor recently. Do you understand that.

A. I do.

Q.3 I must tell you that you do not have to answer any of my questions or say anything about the matter unless you wish. Anything that you do say, will be recorded here and may later be given as evidence in court. Do you understand that.

A. Yes.

Q.4. Where are you presently residing.

A. At Batchelor.

Q.5. How long have you been at Batchelor.

A. Since mid-February.

Q.6. Who do you live with there.

A. With the Retta Dixon Childrens home.

Q.7. Do you have a house at Batchelor.

A. No I live in the vocational training centre.

Q.8. Who do you live there with.

A. With my wife.

Q.9. Do you know AJS [redacted].

A. I do.

Q.10. How old is he.

A. I think he is about eight.

Q.11. Does AJS [redacted] live at Batchelor.

A. Yes.

Q.12. How long has he been living there.

A. Since mid-february.

Q.13. Do you have a television in your residence.

A. Yes.

Q.14 Is there a room there referred to as the TV room.

A. Yes.

Q.15. Where is that.

In the block where we live.

Q.16. Do you ever watch TV in that room.

A. Yes.

Q.17. Who else does.

A. The children.

Q.18. Are there chairs in this room.

A. Yes.

Q.19. Have you ever been in that room while AJS [redacted] was there watching TV

A. I prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.

Q.20. Have you ever sat AJS [redacted] in your lap while he was watching TV

A. I prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.

Q.21. Have you ever tickled AJS [redacted]'s feet while he was watching TV.

A. I prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.

Q.22. By what name does AJS [redacted] call you.

A. Uncle Don.

Q.23. Did you recently go on a camping trip to Coomalie Creek.

A. I did.

Q.24. Did AJS [redacted] and some other boys go with you.

A. Yes.

Q.25. Do you remember when that was.

A. The beginning of August as far as I know.

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A.J. Carolan

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- Q.26. It is alleged that while you were watching T.V. in the T.V. room at Batchelor some weeks before you went to Coomalie Creek, you sat AJS REDACTED on your lap.
 A. Do you have anything to say about that.
 A. I prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.
- Q.27. It is alleged that while you had AJS on your lap, you pulled his pants down. Do you have anything to say about that.
 A. I prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.
- Q.28. It is alleged that when you pulled AJS's pants down, you took your penis out of your trousers. Do you have anything to say about that.
 A. Prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.
- Q.29. It is alleged that your penis was in a state of erection at this time. Do you have anything to say about that.
 A. Prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.
- Q.30. It is alleged that You attempted to insert your penis into AJS's anus. Do you have anything to say about that.
 A. I prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.
- Q.31. It is alleged that you lifted AJS up and down on your penis. Do you have anything to say about that.
 A. Prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.
- Q.32. Is there anything you wish to say in answer to this allegation.
 A. No.
- Q.33. You will be charged with indecently assaulting AJS in the TV room at Batchelor between February and August this year. You do not have to say anything in answer to the charge unless you wish. Anything that you do say will be recorded here and later given as evidence in court. Do you understand that.
 A. Yes.
- Q.34. Is there anything that you wish to say.
 A. No.
- Q.35. I will now ask you to read through the original pages of this record of our conversation. If you agree that it is correct, I will ask you to sign it. You do not have to sign it unless you wish. Is that satisfactory to you.
 A. Yes.
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- Q.36. Have you just read through this record of our conversation.
 A. Yes.
- Q.37. Is it correct.
 A. Yes.
- Q.38. Is there anything that you would like to add.
 A. No.
- Q.39. Was any threat or inducement held out to you to answer my questions.
 A. No.
- Q.40. Do you wish to sign this record.
 A. Yes.

COMPLETED AND REMOVED 9.54am.

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